

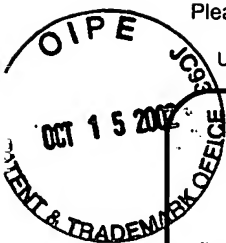
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant identifies the documents listed on the modified Form PTO 1449 accompanying this submission. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Remarks

Applicant cites U.S. Patent No. 6,385,475 B1 which is the English language equivalent of DE 19709960.

Applicant does not concede that the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

Applicant files this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a first Office action on the merits and, therefore, believes that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any such fee due should Applicants be mistaken.

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